

**20.** The double-stranded siRNA molecule of claim **18**, wherein the single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides are 2'-O-methyl ribonucleotides.

**21.** The double-stranded siRNA molecule of claim **1**, wherein the first stretch and the second stretch each comprises contiguous alternating single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides, and wherein the single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides alternate with the differently modified ribonucleotides. 5

**22.** The double-stranded siRNA molecule of claim **21**, wherein the single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides of the first strand are shifted by one ribonucleotide relative to the single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides of the second strand. 10

**23.** The double-stranded siRNA molecule of claim **21**, wherein the single 2'-O-alkyl modified ribonucleotides are 2'-O-methyl ribonucleotides. 15

**24.** The double-stranded siRNA molecule of claim **23**, wherein the differently modified ribonucleotides are 2'-fluoro ribonucleotides. 20

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